

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ASMARA 00123 010836Z

20

ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01

PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 SAM-01 DRC-01 OMB-01 /099 W

----- 078043

O 010750Z MAR 74

FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2516

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

INFO SECDEF IMMEDIATE

CINCUSNAVEUR IMMEDIATE

USCINCEUR IMMEDIATE

DIRNSA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0123

E.O. 11652: XGDS(1)

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: MILITARY MUTINY

REF: ASMARA 120

1. VICE MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOLOMON TECLE TELEPHONED ME LAST NIGHT AT 2100 HOURS LOCAL TO BRING TO MY ATTENTION SPEECH THAT HAD JUST BEEN GIVEN OVER ADDIS RADIO IN AMHARIC BY NEW PRIME MINISTER. ASSUME EMBASSY WILL BE REPORTING SPEECH. SOLOMON WAS PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT OF ENDALKACHEW MAKKONNEN AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT HE WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY

MILITARY ELEMENTS. I AM NOT SO SURE.

2. SOLOMON ALSO EXPECTED THAT GOV GEN AND MAJOR GENERAL SEYOUM (COMMANDER OF SECOND DIVISION) WOULD BE RESTORED TO THEIR NORMAL FUNCTIONS TODAY OR TOMORROW. HE ALSO EXPECTED THAT BANKS AND INTERNATIONAL AIR FLIGHTS WOULD RESUME FUNCTIONS TODAY OR TOMORROW. AS OF THIS MORNING, THEY HAVE NOT DONE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ASMARA 00123 010836Z

SO, BUT WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT EAL ESPECTS TO RESUME

FLIGHTS MARCH 2. HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS IS CONFIRMED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, SOLOMON SAID RADM DESTA HAD LANDED AT DJIBOUTI AND WAS THERE AT TIME OF OUR TELCON AS FAR AS HE WAS AWARE. HE STATED FLATLY AND WITHOUT QUALIFICATION THAT DESTA HAD ARRIVED DJIBOUTI.

4. SOLOMON DID NOT HAVE ANY DEFINITE IDEA OF WHO MAY BE APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER. IF NEW PRIME MINISTER IS ULTIMATELY ACCEPTED, HE AND NEW MINISTER OF DEFENSE ARE BELIEVED TO BE (AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY) PART OF RAS ASRATE KASSA CLAN. IF SO, AND IF NEW GOVERNMENT REFLECTS VIEWS OF RAS ASRATE, SOME LOCAL SOURCES BELIEVE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AND NEW GOVERNMENT MAY ATTEMPT TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND TO DONW-PLAY RECENT EFFORTS TO UP-GRADE RELATIONSHIPS WITH ARABS. HOWEVER, THIS SO FAR IS MERELY CONJECTURE AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHO NEW FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE. IT MAY STILL BE MINASSIE. CONGEN HAS LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCE THAT OLD FOREIGN MINISTER (MINASSIE) WAS BEING DETAINED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN ROOM AT ADDIS AIRPORT BY REBEL MILITARY PERSONNEL ALONG WITH VARIOUS OTHER MINISTERS. REPORT INDICATES THEY WERE BEING HELD FOR INTERROGATION, AND TO PREVENT THEIR DEPARTURE FROM ETHIOPIA, BUT THAT AT LEASE SOME HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN RELEASED.

5. SITUATION AT ASMARA AS OF 1015 THIS MORNING REMAINS CALM. RABIDA

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY PERSONNEL, POLITICAL MILITARY RELATIONS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRIME MINISTER, MUTINY, AIR SCHEDULES, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ASMARA00123
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: ASMARA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740376/aaaacsru.tel
Line Count: 88
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: ASMARA 120
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 AUG 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <06 JAN 2003 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MILITARY MUTINY
TAGS: PINS, ET, (MAKKONNEN, ENDALKACHEW)
To: STATE ADDIS ABABA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005